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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans & Development
ATTENTION : Chief, Development Branch
FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA
SUBJECT : Comments on [redacted]
for advanced light table for [redacted]
Versatile Stereoscope

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1. As requested by [redacted] of your Staff, the Operations Support Staff, PID has reviewed the proposal submitted by the [redacted] for an advanced light table and mount for the Versatile Interchangeable Rhomboid Stereoscope. The Photographic Intelligence Division is extremely interested in achieving the most useable mount for this microscope since this instrument promises to be one of the most versatile tools available to the P.I. in the near future. We currently have eight of these stereoscopes on order and believe that their effective utilization requires a specially designed mount and light source.

2. The various proposals submitted by the bidders on this contract have been discussed in detail with [redacted] and PID concurs with his belief that the [redacted] proposal represents the best solution to the problem. In particular we feel that the high intensity tracking light sources, the spool loading and holding mechanism, and the film transport drive system represent sound and imaginative solutions to the requirements set forth in the design specifications. PID would like to express a preference for the servo electric power amplifier option offered by [redacted] since it is felt that this would be an important factor in operator comfort and acceptance of the instrument.

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3. The Operations Support Staff, PID will be available at any time for discussions on this instrument, and will follow it with close interest through the development stage.

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